



My... didn't it rain

The Bournemouth Echo quoted Meteorology enthusiast Jim Smith who said that Bournemouth had had 115mm! Now if my measurements are correct that's about 4.5 inches.

We all know that British weather is a bit fickle and a day out normally means taking enough gear to cope with anything that is thrown at us. However when it comes to our sport when we are always ready to get wet, one way or another, there are so many other factors to think about. Generally speaking, sailors want a bit of breeze to fill the

sails, while the anglers want less wind. Then the other sport of sunbathers or alfresco diners just want sunshine or a balmy evening

Whatever, we just have to get on and cope with what is thrown at us. The sad thing this year seemed to be the number of competitions and events which just couldn't happen. Others like the Kid's Adventure Day, as reported last month, went ahead regardless and in poor conditions the efforts taken to run them just become more testing.

To all of the organizers, whatever happened to your event, I am sure that all of the club members will join me in saying thank you for the efforts made in planning the various programmes. There are still things to take place during this our 50th. Year so where possible please support and in turn encourage those who work so hard behind the scenes.



Treasure Hunt Trophy

One of the events which did take place was the Treasure Hunt. Here we have Paul Harris who made this excellent trophy from wood of the original club jetty, presenting Peter Edginton with it. Peter was a worthy winner, so let's not take any of his achievement away, but next year let's get more involved.

Autumn. That time of year again.

The trees turning and the rich autumn colours appear. Most say how beautiful, from me it's just a warning that winter is on the way. Not just that but boats out and all the work needed to get them back into good shape.

Never mind, take a look below and you will see all the Big Breakfast dates. If nothing else you can sit and talk about the weather, your dreams for next year, even the size of boat you would buy if you win the Lottery!



BIG BREAKFAST RETURNS

from 10.00am to 12noon ON:
SUNDAY OCTOBER 4th 2015.
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1st 2015.
SUNDAY DECEMBER 6th 2015.
SUNDAY JANUARY 3rd 2016.
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7th 2016.
SUNDAY MARCH 6th 2016.
SUNDAY APRIL 3rd 2016.



A team of volunteers is needed for each Big Breakfast to help cook, serve, take the orders & clear up.

RYA First Aid Course

One disgruntled club member who had moored up for the evening, then waded to moor his tender, arrived at the club

to find a number of members including



Commodore Barry on their hands and knees giving CPR to a bunch of dummies. By dummies I am not referring to members of other clubs.

Why disgruntled? A few months earlier he had paid out about £80 for the same course. Our members evening was just £35!!

I understand there will be another course run in the winter, depending on members wanting this. I would urge as many as possible to take it... **Well worth while.**

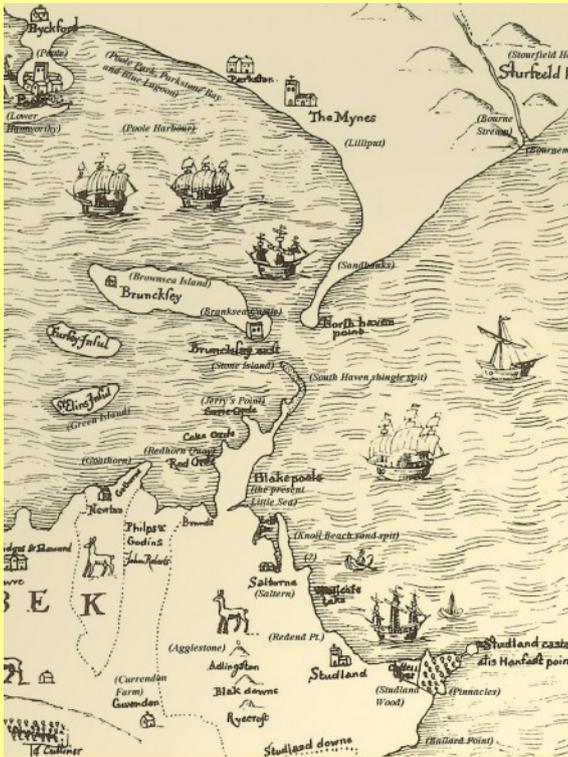


Anglers be aware

Already circulated is the fact that anglers may only take three bass per fishing trip. The minimum size is 42cm. There are size restrictions which have recently been revised. Details on Southern IFCA <http://www.southern-ifca.gov.uk/byelaws#Minimum-Fish-Sizes> Checks are being made both of boats and on anglers fishing from the beach.

From N.H.Y.C. archives. By Don Small

Among the many clubs archives, I recently came across a copy of a Chart of Poole Harbour (Harbour) and Studland and Swanage Roads, with plans for their improvements, .by Philip Brannon, architect and civil engineer, third edition, dated 1860



The plan for improvements were laid before the public, the Corporation and Quay Trustees of Poole, in 1856-7, and designated Plan No1

The peninsula we now know as Sandbanks, is shown on the chart, but not named. It appears as a undulating sandy wilderness, and the only reference is North Haven Point, which is the spit of land on the north western corner of the Haven, opposite Brownsea Island (or Branksea Island as named on the chart). There are no structures shown on the peninsula, other than navigation lights at the Haven. The chart of course is primarily concerned with maritime issues.

The chart recommends a deep water channel from the Haven to deep water docks at Poole and proposes a Great Breakwater in the exact position of today's Training Bank. The proposed breakwater to be designed by Mr Coade, designer of Portland Breakwater.

The chart also proposes a breakwater at Swanage, extending from Peveril Point and encompassing half of Swanage Bay, with a railway running out to the extremity of the construction, for the export of Purbeck Stone.

Research shows however that the Training Bank was not laid until 1924. A locomotive was built in Poole and a railway constructed to allow limestone blocks, both Portland and Purbeck, to be transported from Wych to Goathorn Point. At Goathorn the stone was loaded aboard barges and transported to the site of the Training Bank. Heavy manual work was undertaken by prisoners, hence the name 'Training Bank'. The Swanage breakwater of course was never constructed.

Interestingly the chart also records an area off Peveril Point as the site of the Battle of Swanwich AD 876, when one hundred and twenty six Danish ships were sunk.

Winston S Churchill's History of the English Speaking Peoples, however, describes the land battles between King Alfred and Guthrum, the Danish invader, in AD876. The battle raged around Wareham and Exeter, with the Danish Invasion Fleet ensconced in Poole Harbour.

Driven back to Poole by King Alfred's forces, the Danish land army re boarded their ships in Poole Harbour, but off Swanage 'a frightful tempest smote the sea army and one hundred and twenty ships were sunk and upwards of five thousand Danish marauders perished. The history of Swanage records that during its history the bay was listed variously as Swanawic Swanwich and Sandwich, only recently as Swanage.

Were the Danes beaten in a great sea battle by King Arthur's fleet as the chart states, or was the English weather our ally?.



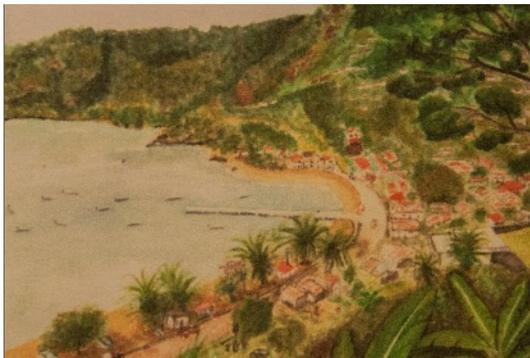
North Haven's Got Talent.

Hidden in the mists of anonymity, there is an amazing amount of talent in our ranks. It might be good to dig a little deeper and get some good stories. Take for instance Peter Edginton, whose photo appears on P1. Peter's artwork of tall ships can be seen on the walls of the club.



Peter took up water colour painting when he had to retire at sixty and having moved to Poole he joined the Haven Leisure Club and their painting group. Starting at the beginning he was given a list of equipment to buy and then shown how to prepare the paper, wetting a n d then

sticking it onto ply. The Californian Staging post was his first attempt and spurred him onto to buying more paints and better brushes. Part of the learning process was that with water colour, things have to be right for there is no going back to change colours etc. Penciling in obviously helps so that shapes and perspective is right before the paint is applied.



Since those early paintings the Nautical theme has taken over and Peter now enjoys painting sailing boats and other commissions such as houses. Now Dave Hipkiss has asked for a painting of his Shrimper "Lazyjacks", (now owned by Richard Medley).

I wonder who will be next for a painting and I also wonder who else we will find in N.H.Y.C. with talent?

Autumn Trophy Sunday 16th August

The race started at Poole Head with all the boats gathered raring to go. Only one problem, no wind! We wallowed for about an hour then a small puff appeared from the south! This filled the sails and we were off, five minutes later the wind died again.

After another hour some more wind appeared and the boats started to move again, by this time Dave had shortened the course as we didn't have our pyjamas with us and we could have run out of all essentials, tea for instance. I decided that I could take no more of this excitement and retired with "Karenzi" to partake of some refreshment at the clubhouse.

The more stoic saw the race out and the result was:

1st Wishful
2nd Admiral Thomas
3rd Briffin

The rest of the fleet trickled over the finish, they were

Binary Even
Lazy Jacks
Fair Winds 111
Taranaki
Avocet (retired)
Karenzi (retired)

There is one more race to go in the Bay Race series, it's on Sunday 20th of September midday.

Cheers, Peter Brown

The Lad's lost the plot



Well maybe not quite, but Dave Butcher does need some help. It's only once a month that Poole Harbour Watch has an evening patrol and we really do need a couple of boats manned by some of the younger members.

The Consul evenings recently have not been as exciting as the good old days, (thankfully). However we still need to make our presence felt. If you can give a hand, please email Dave. dgbutcher@ntlworld.com